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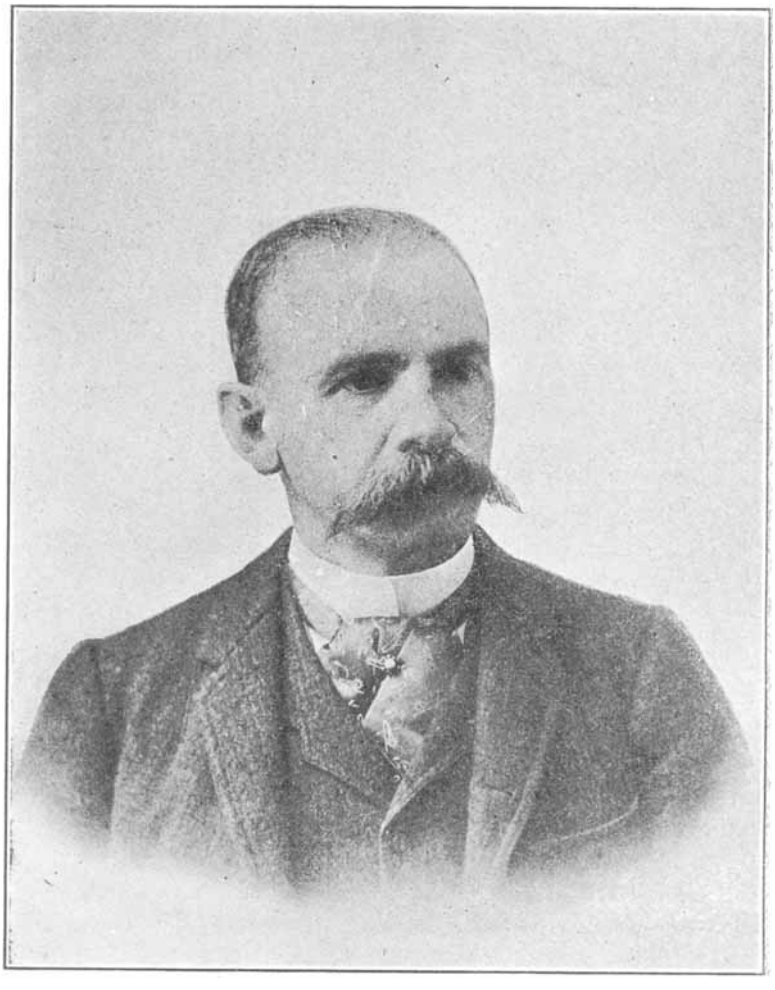
NEW ORLEANS, LA.
President of American Pharmaceutical Association 1891–1892



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Alexander K. Finlay, thirty-ninth president of the American Pharmaceutical Association, was a native of Ireland, but for many years was a resident of New Orleans, La. This brief sketch has been prepared from data supplied by our fellow-member, F. C. Godbold. Mr. Finlay succeeded his brother, J. K. Finlay, at the corner of Camp and Julia Streets, about 1870; although this location was at that period far away from the business section of New Orleans, the Finlays made this store the center of New Orleans' prescription trade; customers came from all sections of the city to have prescriptions compounded and the pharmacy found favor with physicians; later another store was opened in the Medical Building on Baronne Street.

Mr. Finlay was active in efforts that had to do with the betterment of the profession. He was a member of the first Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, was its president for several years and served as a member from 1888 to 1893. He was one of the organizers of the Louisiana Pharmaceutical Association and its first vice-president in 1882; during the year of 1885–1886, he served as president. He assisted in the organization of the National Association of Retail Druggists and, later, became a vice-president. He was a life member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, having joined in 1885, and presided over the meeting held at Profile House, N. H., in 1892, having been elected president at the New Orleans Convention, in 1891.

Mr. Finlay retired from active business in 1901; he died October 20, 1911, aged sixty-eight years.